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SSLC exam begins

39,349 students write exam on first day under CCTV surveillance

Students invoke blessings of the Almighty before appearing for SSLC exam at a centre in city this morning.

Mysuru, Mar. 18 (MTY&DM)- The SSLC exam (2025-26) of Karnataka State Board passed off peacefully today on the first day across the district under CCTV surveillance with no malpractices or such other incidents reported from anywhere across the district.

The first language paper (Kannada, Telugu, Hindi, Marathi, Tamil, Urdu, English and Sanskrit) was held today (10 am to 1.15 pm) and the exam will end with Social Science on Apr. 2.

As many as 39,349 students from 703 high schools had registered for the exam in the district, conducted at 136 centres spread across the district, including 43 in Mysuru city alone and the rest 93 in taluks.

The first day of the examination recorded about 1 percent abstention by regular students, according to sources.

The exam was held under CCTV surveillance, with all exam halls in centres installed with CCTV cameras and tight Police security all around the exam centres. Also, webcasting facility was set up in the Deputy Commissioner's office, with designated officials and staff continuously monitoring the conduct of the exam in the entire district, sitting at the facility.

(See SSLC on page 11)

Govt. plans BAN on private vehicles to Hill

- New vehicle parking facility to come up at five-acre land at Chamundi foothill
- Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy replies to Chamundeshwari MLA at Budget Session

Mysuru, Mar. 18 (OSR)- In a move aimed at decongesting traffic atop Chamundi Hill, the State Government has planned to restrict entry of private vehicles to the Hilltop and introduce an exclusive public transport system, once the new vehicle parking facility is built at the foothill.

Replying to a demand made by Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD), who also brought to notice the concerns expressed by environmentalists that the number of people visiting the Hill has exceeded its carrying capacity, during the ongoing Budget Session of the State Assembly at Bengaluru yesterday, Transport and Muzrai Minister Ramalinga Reddy said that the Government is seriously mulling introduction of an exclusive public transport system for devotees visiting the Hill Temple.

In his written reply to GTD, Reddy said that Chamundeshwari Hill Temple is one of the most visited temples by devotees and tourists from across the country and abroad.

(See BAN on page 11)

Holiday

Our offices will remain closed tomorrow on account of **Ugadi.** Therefore, there will be no issue of *Star of Mysore* dated 19.3.2026.

— Management

Intl. Women's Day Special...

To commemorate International Women's Day and to celebrate women from different fields, *Star of Mysore* is publishing special articles during the month. Today *SOM* features Master Athlete Vijaya Ramesh of Mysuru, who is training with determination for her 19th International Meet to be held in South Korea this September. **—Ed**

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VEDANTA TALK

Path *to* Truth

By SUNANDAJI

Daughter disciple of Swami A. Parthasarathy

19th March 26 | 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Jagannatha Centre for Art & Culture,
Vedika Hall

Kannada Sahitya Parishad Road,
Vijayanagar, Mysore

ALL ARE WELCOME

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 18th March 2026

Champaka Academy to host Bharatanatyam and Kalaripayattu workshops

Vidu. Vidya

Mysuru, Mar. 18 - Champaka Academy, a renowned educational and cultural organisation in Mysuru, is organising two special workshops in April.

A Bharatanatyam workshop focusing on Purvarangavidhi Nritta Jathis and Vinayaka Stuti will be conducted on Apr. 3 and 4 (Friday and Saturday) from 9 am to 5 pm at Champaka Academy in Ramakrishnanagar.

The workshop will be led by Vidushi Vidya Ravishankar, a Mysuru Baani exponent and direct disciple of the legendary Guru Dr. K. Venkatalakshamma. She is the Founder of Shri Matrukaa Cultural Trust, Bengaluru and the Founder-Member, Joint Secretary and Guest faculty at Karnataka Bharatagama Pratishthana, apart from being a guest faculty at Jain University, Bengaluru.

The workshop is open to students who have completed the Junior Examination or the Praveshika Poorna Examination of National-level Gandharva Mahavidyalaya, with a minimum age requirement of 11 years.

A training workshop on the ancient martial art of Kalaripayattu will be conducted from Apr. 7 to 29, with sessions held every Tuesday and Wednesday in 2 batches, from 5.15 pm to 6.30 pm and 6.45 pm to 8 pm, at Champaka Academy in Ramakrishnanagar.

This training will be led by renowned Guru Krishna Prathap Gurukkal, Founder and Chief Instructor of Parashurama Vallabhatta Kalari Academy, Bengaluru and a disciple of *Padma Shri* awardee Shankara Narayana Menon Gurukkal.

Interested participants may register before Mar. 25 by contacting Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan on Mob: 99801-34090.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

ACTIONS TO REFRAIN FROM: ***In one of his discourses, Dr. Venkatesh explained that Vidura narrated to Dhritarashtra that certain actions undertaken by human beings may not yield desired results and may ultimately prove futile.***

Teaching unworthy or undeserving disciples will never bear fruit. It becomes a sheer waste of time and energy for both the teacher and the student. A true teacher should discern a disciple's capacity and receptiveness before imparting knowledge. If a teacher boasts about having taught an incapable student, such self-praise does not deserve admiration.

Likewise, a person should avoid unnecessary interaction with those who harbour dislike or hatred toward him, for such association will only lead to unpleasantness and discord. In the same way, if a man rescues a woman from danger, he should not glorify himself as a hero. Performing a noble act and then boasting about it diminishes its true value.

It is futile to seek or expect financial assistance from a miser, for such a person is unwilling to part with his wealth even for a worthy cause. Likewise, a person who praises himself and expects others to bestow name and fame upon him does not engage in a commendable or respectable act.

A person who involves himself in unwanted and undesirable activities out of arrogance or recklessness deserves condemnation. It is also useless to discuss a matter with someone who has neither trust nor interest in it. Similarly, making efforts to obtain something that is impossible to acquire is nothing but a futile exercise. *—In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man gets stung 240 times by wasps!

Brecon: A 57-year-old man had to be hospitalised and put on morphine so he could endure the pain of 240 wasp stings after being attacked by a swarm of enraged wasps.

Andrew Powell went outside his family home near Brecon, Wales, to inspect the fields, as he usually did, only to see a large swarm of wasps heading his way. Unable to defend himself against what he suspects were thousands of angry wasps, Powell ran toward his house while fighting off the insects as best he could. The insects followed him into the house, attacked his wife as well and managed to land over 240 stings on the 57-year-old man, leaving him in agony and in need of medical attention.

A hospital staff told him that if he was five minutes late he could have died, that's how serious his condition was.

Black dog turns completely white in 2 years!

New York: Over the course of two years, a black dog turned completely white due to vitiligo, a condition in which the skin and hair lose their natural pigment.

At the age of two, Buster was diagnosed with vitiligo, a condition is caused by an autoimmune disease that causes areas of the skin, hair, muzzle, and lips, as well as the oral and facial mucosa, to lose pigment or colour.

Buster's owner, Matt Smith, was told to keep an eye out for skin irritation, but other than that the dog's health wasn't going to be affected. At first, Matt noticed small white patches around Buster's eyes, nose and chin, but nine months after the vitiligo diagnosis, the dog's face was peppered with spots.

Today, Buster has gone from completely black to an immaculate white. Luckily dogs don't feel self-conscious, so Buster is enjoying his life just like when he was completely black, and the vitiligo has not impacted his health in any serious way.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Importance of Early Detection

Kidney diseases often progress without noticeable symptoms. Simple blood and urine tests can detect kidney problems early and prevent complications.

By Centre For Renal Sciences
Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

No power supply on Mar. 20

Mysuru, Mar. 18- As Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) has taken up its quarterly maintenance works at South and Mandakalli Power Distribution Centres, there will be no power supply on Mar. 20 between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas:

South Power Distribution Centre: Vidyaranyapuram 25th to 30th Cross, Kanakagiri, Sterling Theatre, K.R. Puram, Industrial Suburb 1st, 2nd and 3rd Stages, Chamundipuram Circle, Silk Factory, Ashokapuram, Medarakeri, RTO Road, Ballal Circle, Nanjumalige Circle, Bandipalya, Hosahundi, Gudumadanahalli, Yeligehundi, Alanahalli Ring Road, Nachanahalli Palya, Kavitha Bakery Circle, JP Nagar A,B,C,D Block, Gobbalimara, Police Booth Circle, Siddalingeshwara Layout and surrounding areas.

Mandakalli Power Distribution Centre: Mandakalli, Gejjagalli IP Limits, S. Uttanahalli, Srinagar, Reshme Nagar, Teachers Colony, Mahalakshmi Layout, R.K. Layout, Bhavani Layout, Vinayaka Layout, Mahalakshmi Drushti Layout, Koppaluru and surrounding areas, according to a press release from Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Executive Engineer, N.R. Mohalla Division.

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Last year's level **109.22 feet**	Last year's level **2,271.18 feet**	Last year's level **2,834.58 feet**
Yesterday's level **110.10 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,268.71 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,829.85 feet**
Today's Inflow **95 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **100 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **251 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **3,985 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,200 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***The flower urchin, Toxopneustes pileolus, is beguiling to look at, but it is the most toxic sea urchin species. In fact, Toxopneustes means 'poison breath'.***
- ***There are nearly 200 species of pufferfish. The skin of the stomach is also special in that the collagen fibres are arranged in parallel rows to allow it to stretch and return back to shape.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Question of the Millennium...
Student: *Sir, what is the difference between FINE and TAX?*
Teacher: *FINE is a TAX for doing wrong. And TAX is a FINE for doing right.*

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THE LIGHTER SIDE

By Dr. R. Balasubramaniam

The Eternal Critic

When life hands you lemons, they complain about the pulp

We all know one. The person who can spot a dark cloud in the middle of a fireworks show. The one who watches a puppy video and wonders why the dog isn't on a leash. He is 'The eternal critic.'

That walking audit of human behaviour who sees your joy, your plans, your harmless opinions and raises an unsolicited monologue on why everything is actually terrible. They could be at your office, in your family, on your group chat or all three. Wherever life dares to show a glimmer of hope, they arrive armed with sarcasm, judgement and a permanent emotional umbrella.

At work, they lurk in meetings, waiting to crush fresh ideas like soda cans. "We tried that once in 2009," they say, as if ideas have an expiration date and theirs never left the fridge. They thrive in brainstorms, where their storm clouds roll in with the precision of an Olympic gymnast landing a dismount of disapproval.

In family settings, they are a holiday staple, like the tamarind sauce no one eats. They arrive fifteen minutes late with a half-hearted apology, then begin critiquing everything. The gravy. The Wi-Fi. Your cousin's new job. Your inability to "properly make *besan ladoos* like your grandmother did."

Socially, they are the friends who ruin movies by pointing out plot holes that don't exist and the ones who call a wedding "a logistical nightmare." They never clap at the end of a performance. They smirk.

What drives them? Some say it is intelligence gone rogue. Others think it is unresolved trauma from a group project in middle school. But the pattern is predictable. If something is popular, it is overrated. If something is new, it is dangerous. If someone is happy, they are naive. They are the unofficial ambassadors of cynicism. And they are always busy.

Let us be fair. Not all criticism is bad. Healthy scepticism keeps us from falling for scams, bad ideas and pyramid schemes run by your former roommate.

But the eternal critic goes beyond that. They don't just question. They dismiss. They don't warn. They belittle. They are not trying to protect the truth. They are trying to be the final authority on it.

And here is the thing. They are exhausted. You can see it in their eyes, somewhere between the fourth complaint about the weather and a rant about how nothing "feels real" anymore.

Constant negativity is not just tiring for the people around them. It corrodes the critic from the inside out. It is like drinking vinegar every morning because it "keeps you sharp."

The tragedy is quieter than you think. Underneath that prickly, judgemental exterior is usually someone who once hoped things could be better but decided it was safer to expect the worst. Cynicism, at its root, is often just grief wearing an armour.

In a world constantly throwing chaos, conflict and click-bait at us, staying positive is not just a mood. It is a radical act. Choosing to believe that people can be good, that things can improve, that beauty still exists despite the noise is a form of daily defiance against the loudest voices telling us otherwise.

That does not mean ignoring reality. It means refusing to let reality define your entire perspective. The eternal critic may scoff at silver linings. You do not have to. When they mock your favourite show, watch it anyway. When they say politics is hopeless, vote anyway. When they roll their eyes at your goals, chase them harder. Positivity is not the denial of difficulty. It is the refusal to surrender to it.

Oddly enough, we do need people who ask hard questions, who challenge the herd, who see risks others miss. But those skills are most useful when paired with curiosity and compassion, not superiority and snark.

And here is the secret the eternal critic never admits. They need you. They need someone to balance them out. To remind them that not everything needs to be de-constructed and judged. That some things, sunsets, birthdays, bad karaoke, are perfect in their imperfection.

So, the next time you encounter your personal human thundercloud, do not try to fix them. Just keep being the sunshine. Keep believing in people. Keep laughing at bad puns, supporting lost causes and cheering on the underdog.

Because the world does not need more critics. It has plenty. What it needs, desperately and urgently, is more believers. People who light a candle instead of cursing the darkness. People who plant trees under whose shade they may never sit. People who choose, against all evidence to the contrary, to trust that goodness is not a naive impulse but the most enduring force we have.

Be that person. The world will be better for it. And so will you.

[Dr. R. Balasubramaniam is the Founder of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement. 'The Lighter Side' is a series of satirical articles meant to bring a smile by highlighting the funny side of everyday life.]

Centre sanctions 750 e-buses to Karnataka

Mysuru city likely to get 100 e-buses; proposal sent for 55 buses to district

Mysuru, Mar. 18 (BLU&BCT)- The Union Government has officially announced the allocation of 750 air-conditioned electric buses to Karnataka under the PM-eBus Seva scheme.

The scheme, implemented by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), aims to strengthen urban transport systems by deploying 10,000 air-conditioned electric buses in cities with populations between 3 lakh and 40 lakh, including clusters of smaller adjoining towns.

A press release from the Press Information Bureau stated that of the total allocation, 750 e-buses have been earmarked for 10 cities in Karnataka. These buses are intended for urban areas that either lack an adequate public transport network or are looking to transition to electric mobility. The scheme also provides operational and depot subsidies.

The buses are expected to be distributed among cities such as Mysuru, Mangaluru, Davanagere, Shivamogga, Tumakuru, Belagavi, Hubballi-Dharwad, Kalaburagi, Ballari and Vijayapura. While major cities are likely to receive around 100 buses each, smaller cities may get about 50 each.

However, clarity is yet to emerge on the exact allocation for Mysuru city and district. Officials have already submitted a proposal through KSRTC, seeking 100 buses for Mysuru city and 55 for the district.

KSRTC Divisional Controllers H.T. Veeresh (City) and B. Srinivas (District) said that while the overall sanction has been confirmed, the final distribution among cities is yet to be decided.

Nominations invited for Padma Awards

Mysuru, Mar. 18- The Government of India has invited online nominations and recommendations for the Padma Awards — *Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan* and *Padma Shri* — to be presented during the 2027 Republic Day celebrations.

Persons with distinguished and exceptional achievements in Art, Literature, Education, Sports, Medicine, Social Work, Science, Engineering, Public Affairs, Civil Service, Trade and Industry and other disciplines may make the submission online via the Rashtriya Puraskar Portal *https://awards.gov.in* before July 31, 2026.

For further information, individuals can visit the Ministry of Home Affairs website *https://mha.gov.in* or the Padma Awards Portal *https://padmaawards.gov.in*.

VOICE OF THE READER

Ring Road or Death Trap?

The silent agony of Mysuru's stray animals

Sir,

I am writing with a heavy heart to highlight a disturbing trend on Mysuru's Ring Road. Recently, near the Vijayanagar 4th Stage Junction, I witnessed a heart-wrenching scene: a cow was trapped under a tempo after a collision.

The animal was in extreme pain and agony, yet despite the presence of the Police and onlookers, the vehicle made it impossible to rescue it immediately.

This is not a one-off incident. Just last week, near the Bogadi Shiva Temple, another cow suddenly darted onto the road, resulting in a collision with a car. Every day, the Ring Road is littered with the carcasses of cows, dogs and pigs.

The root of this problem lies in two areas:

1. Irresponsible Ownership: Cattle owners recklessly let their livestock roam busy highways for grazing.

2. Lax Enforcement: Authorities conduct stray-catching drives only "once in a blue moon."

I urge the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and the Traffic Police to impose heavy penalties on negligent cattle owners and conduct regular patrols. We cannot claim to be a "Heritage City" while turning a blind eye to such cruelty.

—Prasanna Venkatesh
Mysuru
16.3.2026

Save Sparrows

A call to protect the disappearing urban companions by PFA on Mar. 20

Mysuru, Mar. 18 (KS)- As part of World Sparrow Day, People For Animals (PFA), Mysuru and Jeev Daya Jain Charity, have organised an awareness programme titled 'Save Sparrows' at PFA's shelter in Bogadi from 11.30 am to 1.30 pm on Mar. 20.

Senior Pranic Healing trainer B. Vaibhav will be the chief guest. This initiative is a call for action urging citizens to recognise the alarming decline of these birds and take simple, collective steps to restore their presence.

The programme features distribution of eco-friendly sparrow nest boxes as well as water bowls for birds and animals to combat urban heat. Saplings will be planted on the occasion.

Blending innovation with conservation, the event introduces a sparrow-themed educational board game created by Kokila Ramesh Jain, aimed at engaging children and adults in understanding the urgent need to protect sparrows which are rapidly disappearing from urban spaces.

Citizens, students and nature lovers can be part of this movement that blends compassion with action.

For details, contact PFA on Mob:98456-54429, according to a press release.

'Nareyana' Award for city's Sri Ramakrishna Ashram

Mysuru, Mar. 18 - Sri Ramakrishna Ashram in city has been selected for 'Nareyana' Award (2026), given by Sri Yoginareyana Yathindra Prachara Sabha, J.P. Nagar, Mysuru, for its decades-old dedicated service to society and deep involvement in spreading the rich cultural, spiritual and religious traditions.

The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 50,000 and a citation. The two earlier awardees were Prof. C.N. Srinath (Educationist), who was given the award in association with University of Mysore and retired IAS Officer M.R. Srinivas Murthy, who was given the award in association with Mandya University.

Ramakrishna Ashram President Swami Muktidanandaji will receive the award at an event to take place at Dr. Rajkumar Jilla Rangamandira in Chamarajanagar at 11 am on Mar. 22, in the presence of Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Kaivara Sri Kshetra Dharmadhikari Dr. M.R. Jayaram, MLC Dr. M.R. Seetharam and a host of other personalities.

BCCI honour for city's J. Suchith

He scalped 43 wickets for Nagaland in Ranji Trophy Plate Division 2024-25

Mysuru, Mar. 18 (VNS)- City's Jagadeesha Suchith was honoured with Madhavrao Scindia Award by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for scalping highest wickets in the Ranji Trophy 2024-25 season during the Naman Awards held at New Delhi recently.

Suchith, representing Nagaland in Ranji Trophy Plate Division, scalped a total of 43 wickets in just six matches making him the highest wicket taker of season and was also adjudged the Player of the Match twice. In the 2025-26 season, he shifted to Uttarakhand during which he scored 454 runs with four 50s and took 26 wickets with two five-wicket hauls.

In the Vijay Hazare Tournament, Suchith scalped 11 wickets and scored 193 runs. Meanwhile, he also took 7 wickets in Syed Mustaq Ali Trophy in the last season with one Player of the Match award.

Jagadeesha Suchith

Suchith, a left-arm spinner, made his first class debut for Karnataka against Bangladesh 'A' during 2014-15 season during which he not only scored 41 crucial runs in first innings but also picked up 6 for 60 helping hosts emerge victorious against the visitors.

He was also the first cricketer from KSCA Mysuru Zone to be selected for Indian Premier League (IPL). Suchith was picked up by Mumbai Indians during 2015 season during which he picked up 10 wickets from 13 matches.

Suchith has also represented other franchises including Delhi Capitals, Kings XI Punjab (now Punjab Kings) and Sunrisers Hyderbad. He also played for Bengaluru Blasters and Mysore Warriors in the Karnataka Premier League (KPL), now KSCA Maharaja Trophy.

Suchith is the son of T.R. Jagadeesha and K.V. Sharath, residents of Bogadi in Mysuru.

Entries invited for Book Award

Mysuru, Mar. 18- Applications have been invited for 'Sri Shivarathreeshwara Book Award' given by Sri Shivarathreeshwara Religious Endowment of JSS Mahavidyapeetha since 1983. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 25,000 and a citation.

Books on Veerashaiva or Lingayat religion, literature, history, art and culture, published during 2025 are eligible for the award.

Authors or Publishers may send copies of the book to: The Director, Publication Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Jagadguru Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Circle, Mysuru-570004, before Mar. 31.

Even literary enthusiasts or scholars, who have information about books published during the said period, may also send entries with details of the book, complete address and phone number. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2548211.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY SPECIAL...

At 70, Mysuru's Master Athlete Vijaya Ramesh continues to defy age with discipline and yoga, training rigorously for her 19th International Athletics Meet in South Korea this September.

Leaping... Beyond limits

Achievement knows no barriers of age or gender. In sport, what truly matters is dedication, discipline and an unwavering will. Seventy-year-old Vijaya Ramesh of Mysuru embodies these values so completely that her achievements on the field continue to inspire people across generations.

At a time when many young people are increasingly drawn to screens and social media and hesitate to step onto playgrounds, Vijaya stands as a striking contrast.

Even at 70, she is training with determination for the long jump event at the World Meet scheduled to be held in South Korea in September 2026. The competition will mark her 19th international appearance and with rigorous daily practice, she hopes to once again raise India's flag on the global stage.

By Ganesh Anil

Born in Mandya district to Singarigowda and Ningamma, Vijaya studied up to the 10th standard. From her school days, she displayed a strong interest in sports, particularly athletics and kho-kho and regularly took part in competitions.

Life takes a decisive turn

Her life took a decisive turn after her marriage in 1975 to C. Ramesh, a disciplined soldier in the Indian Air Force and a passionate sports enthusiast. After their wedding, the couple moved to Pune.

Ramesh, who had himself participated in around 40 marathons, soon recognised Vijaya's interest and potential in athletics. Encouraging her to pursue sport seriously, he began practising with her every day. That shared commitment became the foundation of Vijaya's remarkable sporting journey.

Because of Ramesh's postings during his Air Force service, the family lived in several cities, including Pune, Agra, Delhi and Bengaluru. After retiring from the Air Force, he worked at Canara Bank.

He remained the strongest pillar of support in Vijaya's sporting life until his passing in 2015 due to health issues. From the day of their marriage until his final days, he stood by her ambitions and encouraged her to push beyond limits.

A life defined by discipline

Discipline defines Vijaya's everyday life even today. She wakes up at 5 am, begins her day with an hour of pranayama and yoga and then walks six kilometres before starting her athletics practice.

Well-trained in yoga, she also conducts evening yoga classes. Her strict adherence to yoga, exercise and a balanced diet has helped her maintain excellent health even at the age of 70.

Unlike many athletes who focus on a single discipline, Vijaya has excelled in multiple events. Her repertoire includes high jump, long jump, 80-metre hurdles, 100-metre sprint, discus throw, javelin throw and hammer throw.

Recently, she competed in the national-level long jump championship held in Kerala, where she earned selection to represent India at the upcoming World Meet in South Korea this September.

A home full of medals

Over the decades, her home has filled with medals, certificates and honours earned across continents. Her international success began in 1995 when she won a silver medal in the 80-metre hurdles in Thailand.

Two years later, in 1997, she clinched gold medals in hurdles and high jump at the Asian Championship in China. In 1999, she repeated the feat in Malaysia, again winning gold in hurdles and high jump.

Her winning streak continued through the years. In 2002, she secured a gold medal in the high jump in Singapore. At the 2004 Meet in Malaysia, she swept gold medals in hurdles, high jump and long jump, along with a silver in the 4x100 relay.

Vijaya went on to win gold in the high jump in Sri Lanka in 2006 and again in Thailand in 2008. In 2009, she earned a bronze medal in the high jump in Bangkok.

Her versatility was further evident in later years. In 2011, she won gold in the javelin throw in Sri Lanka. In 2017, she claimed gold medals in both shot put and discus throw in Singapore. At the 2019 Championships in Sri Lanka, she added multiple medals in discus throw, javelin throw and long jump to her tally. Beyond Asia, Vijaya has also competed in Championships held in Australia, the United States and France, representing India in International Masters Athletics Events.

State-level Award in 2022

In recognition of her remarkable achievements, the Karnataka Government honoured her with a State-level Award in 2022 during World Senior Citizens Day. She has also received the Kannada Rajyotsava Award at the district-level, as well as honours during Republic Day and Independence Day celebrations.

Among her many recognitions are the Kreeda Ratna Award, the Dakshina Kesari Award, appreciation from the Rotary Club and international felicitation by the World Vokkaliga Forum in London.

Apart from competing, Vijaya has taken on leadership roles in promoting sports among veteran athletes. She has actively worked with Masters Sports Associations and helped organise State-level competitions.

Positions held

She currently serves as President of the Mysuru Masters Games Association, Vice-President of the Karnataka Masters Games Association and Executive Committee Member of the Pan-India Masters Games Association. She is the Vice-President of Indo-Tibetan Friendship Society (ITFS) and is also associated with the Ex-Servicemen's Association.

Through her energy, commitment and achievements, Vijaya continues to inspire countless people to stay active and pursue sport regardless of age.

For Vijaya, the philosophy of life is simple and clear. "Achievement has nothing to do with education, gender or age. What truly matters is dedication and discipline. Because of my disciplined lifestyle, yoga and pranayama, I have never faced health problems," she says.

"As long as I breathe, I will remain engaged in sport. Doctors and engineers may not always get the chance to travel abroad, but through athletics, I have already visited 18 countries. Now I am preparing to compete at the World Meet in South Korea this September," she reveals.

Her journey stands as a powerful reminder, especially on International Women's Day (Mar.8), that determination and passion can carry a person far beyond conventional limits▪

Vijaya Ramesh practising hammer throw and javelin throw at Oval Grounds in Mysuru.

Yoga and a balanced diet help maintain fitness

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Ugadi festival

Ugadi festival & Allamaprabhu Jayanti celebrations and Panchanga Pathana will be held at Suttur Srikshetra in Nanjangud taluk tomorrow (Mar. 19). The rituals will commence early morning at Sri Shivarathreeshwara Shivayogi Kartru Gadduge with the performance of Maharudrabhishka, Sahasra Bilvarchane, Mahamangalarati and Belli Ratha (Silver Chariot) Prakarotsava. The celebrations will begin with Mangalavadya at 8 am, following which a mass devotional recitation by JSS Residential School students at 9.30 am followed by a lecture on the topic 'Allamaprabhu Jeevana Mattu Vachana Vaibhava' by Dr. G.V. Manjunath, a faculty of Kotre Nanjappa PU College, Holalkere, Chitradurga district and an interaction on 'Suttur Sri Shivarathreeshwara Panchanga' by Dr. K.G. Puttahonnaiah.

ITI admission

The Government ITI, located on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road in N.R. Mohalla, has invited applications from eligible private candidates for admission to ITI courses. Last date to apply is Mar. 20.

CESC Public Contact Meetings

The CESC has organised 4th Quarterly Public Contact Meetings at its Varuna, Chamundipuram, Central, N.R. Mohalla and Jyothinagar Sub-Divisional offices on different days from Mar. 24 to 26. On Mar. 24, the meeting will be held at Varuna Sub-Division office at 11 am and at Chamundipuram Sub-Division office at 3 pm; On Mar. 25 at Central Sub-Division office at 11 am; On Mar. 26 at N.R. Mohalla Sub-Division office at 11 am and at Jyothinagar Sub-Division office at 3 pm. The members of the public can attend and air grievances or problems regarding power supplies in writing and get them addressed.

Spoken Sanskrit

With an objective of reaching out Sanskrit language to the common man, the city's JSS Mahavidyapeetha has organised a 10-day spoken Sanskrit camp for children studying in classes fifth standard and above and for elders (housewives), at Kyathanahalli Sahukar Sidddalingaiah (KSS) Sanskrit Pathashala on Vanivilas Road in city from Apr. 1 to 10. For details, contact Srikrishna Ganapathy Bhat (94497-82125) or S.L. Komala (97394-69910) or K.B. Mallikarjun (98444-65357).

Free Cancer Clinic

A free Cancer Detection Clinic has been organised at Preethi Cancer Centre in Lakshmipuram on Mar. 19 from 10 am to 8 pm. For details, contact Ph: 0821-4259259.

Rare occurrence in the history...

Hailstone Rain pounds Chamarajanagar dist.

Standing crops in Ch'nagar, Gundlupet and Yalandur taluks worst affected; agri fields replete with hailstones resemble snow-covered Kashmir

Chamarajanagar, Mar. 18 (SS &BS)- Rain accompanied by hailstones wreaked havoc in the district yesterday, leaving the farmers in a state of distress. When the rain stopped, the agricultural fields in the district had turned into snow capped fields, ditto like Kashmir for a while.

Those reeling under sweltering heat found respite with the showers, while the farmers in Gundlupet and Yalandur taluks had to bear the brunt. From the Chamarajanagar district headquarters to villages like Veeranpura, Nanjedevanapura, Kalanahundi, Kariyanakatte Hundi, Yadapura, Shivapura, Talawadi, Honganur etc., the standing crops like banana, turmeric, tomato, cabbage and water melon, coconut and arecanut farms, mango groves were the worst hit.

Though the district received rainfall on Monday night, the copious rains that lasted several hours yesterday afternoon, left the elders in the villages, wondering about the rare spectacle they were witness to. Never in

the history of the district, that was carved out from Mysuru in 1997, such a devastating hailstones rain had been received.

While it was a matter of joy for the children and youths, who were curious to collect the hailstones and play merrily, the farmers who were waiting to harvest the crops ahead of Ugadi festival tomorrow (Mar. 19), were caught off-guard.

The increase in maximum temperature hovering between 32 and 34 degree Celsius, from the last one month, was indicating at the possibilities of rain, which the farmers had termed as seasonal rain or pre-monsoon rain, coinciding with Ugadi.

The newfound fear is about the possibilities of increase in maximum temperature, if there is a change in weather pattern, that is presently mild and cold. The respite from heat can be possible only if there is a perpetual downpour for a few more days, say the farmers.

Meanwhile, the farmers, who have suffered a huge loss due to the damage of crops, have been urging the District Administration to come to their rescue, by providing compensation from the Government.

Drive against narcotics: One arrested, 40 grams MDMA worth Rs. 4 lakh seized

Mysuru, Mar. 18 (BLU&KS)- The Kuvempunagar Special Police team arrested one person and have seized 40 grams MDMA narcotic substance worth about Rs. 4 lakh from him.

The arrested has been identified as 28-year-old Shabeer, a resident of National Quarters, Kottacherry, Balla village of Kasargod district in Kerala, who was staying at a service apartment in Kuvempunagar Police limits.

Following a tip off, the special Police team on Mar. 17, raided Room No. 3 of Holiday Inn Service Apartment at Dattagalli, Kanakadasanagar in city and arrested Shabeer and seized the narcotic substance.

During interrogation, the Police came to know that accused Shabeer has one dacoity case registered against him at Hosadurga Police Station in Kasargod district and one case under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act registered against him at Banaswadi Police Station in Bengaluru.

Police have instructed owners of service apartments and lodges to compulsorily obtain a copy of Aadhaar card or any other identity card and mobile phone number of customers before renting out rooms to them.

Two labourers' shed destroyed as LPG cylinder explodes

Mysuru, Mar. 18 (SPN&KS)- Two labourers' sheds were completely destroyed when a LPG cylinder exploded at Ramabainagar in city yesterday.

Bhyrappa, a resident of the locality told *SOM* that Srirampura Gram Panchayat has undertaken works pertaining to construction of a water tank and laying of pipeline.

Temporary sheds have been constructed for the labourers on the roadside in Ramabainagar and yesterday at about 9 pm, the labourers arrived at the shed and began preparing to cook dinner using a 5-kg LPG cylinder, he added.

It is learnt that there was leakage of LPG from the cylinder resulting in the cylinder exploding and destroying the two sheds completely. Luckily, no one was injured in the incident, Bhyrappa said.

Soon, Fire and Emergency Services personnel, who arrived with a fire extinguishing vehicle, managed to douse the fire.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, Mar. 18 (KS)- A decomposed body of a man, aged between 25 and 40 years, has been found by Varuna Police at Rampura Canal in Kuppegala village on Mar. 15. The deceased was found wearing a black and white stripes full arm shirt, black pants and black baniyan and shorts. His face is not recognisable as it is decomposed. The kith and kin of the deceased may contact Varuna Police on Ph: 0821-2594411 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800.

Obituary

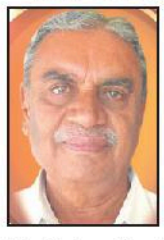
E.P. Johnson Edakkalathoor

Mysuru, Mar. 18- E.P. Johnson Edakkalathoor (60), Proprietor of Powerpack Batteries and a resident of Vidyaranyapuram, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Retty Johnson, two sons Clinto Johnson and Cristo Johnson and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral was held at Infant Jesus Cathedral Cemetery at Hinkal this afternoon, according to family sources.

B.L. Chandrashekar



B.L. Chandrashekar, Proprietor of Chamundeshwari Paints at K.G. Koppal, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at K.G. Koppal Burial Grounds this noon, according to family sources.

Old DC Office dome being restored at Rs. 1 crore

Mysuru, Mar. 18 (MTY&BS)- The dome of Old Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office on Krishnaraja Boulevard in the city is being restored at an estimated cost of Rs. 1 crore. It is a first phase of the project, taken up towards the conservation of the most prominent landmark heritage structure of the city. The deadline to complete the works is six months.

The work has been taken up by the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage and has been awarded to a contractor named Sharath Kumar, having expertise in the restoration of heritage structures. He had successfully completed one of the 14 works, associated with the restoration of K.R. Hospital.

Conservation Engineer of Archaeology Department D.H. Ambreesh told *Star of Mysore* this afternoon that the contractor has been instructed to use the materials in specified quantities as per heritage building works norms. In the next stage, the restoration works of the main building will be taken up and the Detailed Project Report (DPR) is being prepared, added Ambreesh.

Lime mortar mix...

The dome will be restored using lime mortar, which is prepared by using a blend of lime, jaggery, *antuvalada kai* (soapnut), *bilpatre* (baelfruit), *uddina bele* (black gram) etc. All these will be soaked in water, mixed and grinded in a machine to be installed at the work site, to produce lime and mortar. The lime is being sourced from Channarayapatna in Hassan district.

The unwanted weeds that have grown on the structure will be removed using chemicals. The scaffolding has been erected by taking all precautions, so that the building can withstand the additional weight, during the repair works.

Old building vacant

It may be mentioned that, following the shifting of DC Office to its new building in Siddarthanagar in June 2023, the old building remains vacant. A DPR titled 'Adaptive Reuse of Old Deputy Commissioner's Office Building and Development of an Art Precinct in Mysuru' has been prepared, but remains on paper.

In the Karnataka Budget 2025-26, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had allocated Rs. 30 crore to transform the building into a State-level museum.

City gets new DCP (L&O)

Mysuru, Mar. 18 (PM&VNS)- The State Government has appointed IPS Officer **Dr. Harsha Priyamvada** as the new DCP (Law and Order) for Mysuru city, the post that had been left vacant following the transfer of R.N. Bindu Mani as Kodagu SP.

Dr. Harsha

A 2020 batch IPS Officer and a native of Jharkhand, Dr. Harsha is an MBBS graduate. She has served as Assistant SP in Karkala Sub-Division, Udupi District before being posted as Superintendent of Police, CID in Bengaluru.

Similarly, 2016 batch IPS Officer Uma Prashanth, who was awaiting posting, was appointed Bengaluru CID SP and N.S. Shruthi was posted as DCP (Law and Order), Hubballi-Dharwad City Police.

SSLC exam under surveillance

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All the exam centres in Mysuru district were opened at 9 am, an hour ahead of the start of exam.

Health workers were deployed at all the centres for meeting any medical emergencies or for conducting health checks in case of need and ASHA workers were deputed for providing drinking water to examinee students.

The students were seen accompanied by their parents, relatives, elders and other well-wishers and many were seen giving last minute tips to their wards.

As a gesture, teachers of some schools were seen distributing flowers and sweets to students ahead of the exam at centres and in another case, the staff of a city school were reported to have applied 'Tilaka' on the foreheads of SSLC students.

More than 3,000 staff of the Department of School Education and Literacy were deputed for smooth conduct of the exams.

Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, ZP CEO S. Ukesh Kumar, DDPI Uday Kumar and other district officials visited some of the centres in the district and the webcasting facility at the DC's Office for overseeing the conduct of the exam.

The Police had enforced prohibitory orders in 200 mtr. radius around all the exam centres as a measure for smooth and incident-free conduct of exams. Also, all photocopy shops, internet cafes and browsing centres in the vicinity of the exam centres, were ordered to shut down during exam hours.

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Notice is hereby given to the public that my client intends to purchase the immovable property described in the Schedule hereunder from its owners Sri S. Srinivas, Sri Prem M.S., Smt Bhavana R., and Sri S. Muralidhar.

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Market rush for Ugadi

Mysuru, Mar. 18 (MK&VNS)- As the preparation to welcome *Parabhava Samvatsara*, the new Hindu year on Ugadi have begun, people are thronging various markets and shops across the city to purchase flowers, vegetables, fruits and the new *Panchanga* (traditional calendar).

People were seen in large numbers at Devaraja Market and also in front of Dufferin Clock Tower shopping fruits and flowers.

Compared to normal days, the prices of flowers and fruits have increased by a small percentage while vegetable prices have remained stable.

During Ugadi, it is a tradition to prepare mango rice *(mavinakayi chitranna)* using raw mangoes. People were seen purchasing raw thotapuri mangoes being sold at Rs. 30 to Rs. 40 each for preparing the delicacy. A small bundle of 20 betel leaves was sold at Rs. 30 each. Coconut (medium size) was priced at Rs. 100 for three and one big coconut was sold at Rs. 40 to Rs. 50 each.

People were also seen purchasing mango and neem leaves to be tied at doors and puja rooms. Neem leaves with flowers were being purchased as the flowers are mixed with jaggery and distributed among family and friends as per Ugadi tradition.

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Govt. plans ban on private vehicles

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"The temple is also visited by lakhs of devotees during the Ashada month of the year, especially on Fridays. Also, the temple witnesses a heavy rush during Dasara and other festivities. As such, Sri Chamundeshwari Temple Development Authority has been formed with the purpose of integrated development of the popular hill shrine," Reddy noted.

Continuing, the Minister said that the Authority, which is headed by the Chief Minister, decided to reserve a vast space of land for vehicle parking facility at the foothill during the meeting held on Sept.3, 2024 to decongest vehicular movement atop the Hill.

Subsequently, 5 acres of land out of the 58.03 acres coming under Bandipalya Survey No.19 was earmarked for vehicle parking facility for Hill temple devotees. Now, the Authority will develop an appropriate vehicle parking facility in this reserved land for the benefit of devotees.

Later, the Authority will introduce a public transport system by purchasing mini-buses or deploy KSRTC buses to ferry devotees to Hilltop, Reddy said adding that the existing vehicle parking structure atop the Hill will be utilised for providing better amenities and other facilities for devotees.

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Sd/- Medical Superintendent

Sri Ramaseva Mandali Charitable Trust to host

Grand 32nd Ramanavami festivities in city from Mar. 20 to 29

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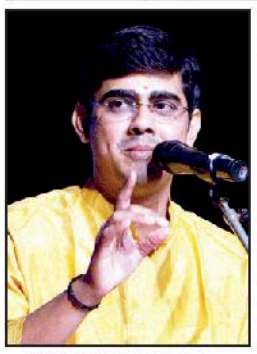

Sikkil Gurucharan

Sunil Gargyan

Sunitha Chandrakumar

Dr. Sahana and Srinivas

Vidu. Sheela

Sri Ramaseva Mandali Charitable Trust, Mysuru North, will celebrate the 32nd Ramanavami festival from Mar. 20 to 29 at Sri Prasanna Parvathi Kalyana Mantapa, adjacent to Sri Chandramouleeshwara Swamy Temple in V.V. Mohalla.

As usual, every day from 8.30 am to 10.30 am, there will be religious activities such as Abhisheka, Ashtottara, Navagraha Puja, Ramayana Parayana and Aarti to Lord Rama.

On Mar. 22, for Loka Kalyana, Sri Rama Taraka Homa will be performed. Purnahuti will take place around 11 am.

On Mar. 29, there will be Seetha Sahasranama Archane from 9.30 am followed by Sri Rama Pattabhisheka, Mahamangalarati and Prasada distribution at 11.30 am.

Daily in the evening there will be cultural extravaganza. From 5.15 pm to 6.15 pm, young blooming artistes will perform. R. Rashmi, Rajath Sharma, Sriharsha, Suditi, S.M. Sridevi, Shama, Chandana R. Sanjay and Sharada will give Karnatak vocal concerts while on Mar. 22 Pranav Swarup will render Hindustani classical vocal.

Daily from 6.15 pm to 9 pm, nationally reputed artistes will enthral the rasikas.

Mar. 20 at 6 pm: Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy, Industrialist & Art Patron, will inaugurate the festival series. Later, Mysore M. Nagaraj & Dr. Mysore M. Manjunath will present a Violin Duet. Arjun Kumar & Tumkur B. Ravishankar will provide Rhythm on Double Mridanga.

Violinist Brothers, trained under their father Mahadevappa, received the Sangeet Natak Akademi award from the Government of India in 2017. They have metamorphosed their prodigious talent to blossom into brand ambassadors of Indian classical music. They have performed at all major centres in the world with stalwarts at all major events. Recently, Dr. Manjunath had the privilege of producing 'Vande Mataram' during its 150th year with leading musicians and presented the same in the presence of PM Narendra Modi.

Mar. 21: Revati Sadasivam will render a Veena concert alongwith G.S. Ramanujam on mridanga and Sumukh Karanth on khanjira.

Revathi, a renowned Veena performer, is trained in Veena under her father-in-law and guru Anantharama Iyer. She has performed at several concerts and has also trained many upcoming musicians on Veena. Revathi and her husband A. Sadhasivam heads 'Guruguha Gana Vidhyalaya' in Bengaluru.

Mar. 22: Renowned Harikatha exponent Dushyanth Sridhar will give a discourse on 'Gayatri Ramayana,' a very rare part of Valmiki Ramayana.

Dushyanth delivers talks on Hindu spiritual topics, including the Ramayana, Mahabharata, Bhagavata Mahapurana, Vishnu Purana, Divya Prabandham and the lives and works of Hindu saints. He renders traditional pravachana, is a harikatha exponent, author, director and actor.

He manages Deśika Dayā, a charitable trust that carries out cultural and spiritual activities. Dushyanth has delivered over 3,500 discourses across 23 countries. A religious activist, in the last decade, he has organised heritage tours to 200 temples with over 3,500 yātrīs.

Mar 23: A vocal concert by Kalyanpuram Arvind, along with Aditi Krishna Prakash on violin, Anoor Anantakrishna Sharma on mridanga and Sharath Kaushik on ghata is organised.

Kalyanapuram Aravind's tutelage under the legend T.N. Seshagopalan gives him a solid baseline. His concerts are packed with several contrasting kritis, raga and tala spectrum. Aravind belongs to a family of rich cultural and vedic heritage which includes senior Harikatha Exponent 'Kalaimamani' Kalyanapuram R. Aravamudachariar and Kalyanapuram R. Veeraraghavachariar who are his paternal uncles.

Mar. 24: Aishwarya Vidhya Raghunath will enthrall the audience with a vocal concert accompanied by Dr. Jyotsna Srikant on violin, C. Cheluvaraju on mridanga and N. Gurumurthy on ghata.

Aishwarya, a Karnatak vocalist from Bengaluru, is an 'A' grade artiste with All India Radio and Doordarshan. Being trained in Karnatak music at the age of three, she received foundational instruction from Seethalakshmi Venkatesan and later P.S. Narayanaswamy, Sangeetha Kala Sagaram Vegavahini Vijayaraghavan and Vidwan R.K. Shriramkumar. She has performed at major venues and received multiple awards.

Mar. 25: One of the top notch artistes, Sikkil Gurucharan with Mattur Srinidhi on violin, Arjun Kumar on mridanga and G. Guruprasanna on khanjira will give a feast of vocal music to the rasikas.

Sikkil Gurucharan, the grandson of Sikkil Kunjumani, received initial lessons in music from his mother Mythili and later received advanced training from S. Gnanaskandan, a disciple of Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer and is currently being mentored by B. Krishnamurthy. He is an 'A' grade All India Radio artiste. In 2020, he acted in a Tamil anthology film, 'Putham Pudhu Kaalai.'

Mar. 26: Young sensation Sunil Gargyan will render a vocal concert accompanied by Dr. Jyotsna Srikant on violin, H.S. Sudheendra on mridanga and G.S. Ramanujam on ghata.

Sunil Gargyan, an All India Radio 'A' grade artiste, is learning Karnatak music from the age of 3 under Nagai S. Bhashyam. He gave his first performance at the age of 5 and is a recipient of Central Government Scholarship (CCRT). His subsequent Gurus are P.B. Shrirangachari, Shriram Parasuram and P.S.Narayanaswamy.

Mar. 27: A 'Sankeertana' will be presented by students of Raghuleela School of Music, under the Direction of Sunitha Chandrakumar, an extraordinary musician who is a worthy feather in the cultural crown of Mysuru.

She is a great example of how a woman can succeed in this male-dominated music industry, especially in the aspects of music composition. To her credit, she has marvellous music albums composed by herself and sung by some of the big shots of Indian Music industry like Shreya Ghoshal, S.P. Balasubramanyam, Vijay Prakash, Praveen Godkindi and many others.

Sunitha, as a kid, learnt Karnatak music under Vijayalakshmi and Bharatanatyam under Vishnudas. Turning point came only after she met Mysore Ananthaswamy. Sunitha is a recipient of the Best Music Composer award in light music genre at the Karnataka International Awards held in 2013 at Bengaluru.

Mar. 28: Dr. S.V. Sahana on veena and A.P. Srinivas on violin will delight the audience with their veena-violin Juglabandi. Percussion by Arjun Kumar on mridanga and G. Omkar Rao on ghata.

Dr. S.V. Sahana and A.P. Srinivas are a husband-wife duo from Mysuru, who perform Karnatak classical duets, sometimes performing as part of their ensemble "Nad Ninad." Dr. Sahana, trained under M.J. Srinivasa Iyengar and T.N. Seshagopalan, holds a doctorate in music.

Vidwan Srinivas, a Karnatak violinist, is the son of noted flutist A.V. Prakash. He learnt violin under H.K. Narasimha Murthy. Apart from being a violinist, he is a reputed Sound Engineer.

'Sangita Kalaradhaki' award to Vidushi M.S. Sheela

Mar. 29: Vidushi M.S. Sheela, a renowned senior artiste, will be awarded 'Sangita Kalaradhaki' for her dedication to Music. Subsequently she will present a vocal concert along with H.M. Smitha on violin, Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and R. Srinidhi Kaundinya on ghata.

Vidushi Sheela is a Karnatak classical, light music and devotional singer. She is an AIR and Doordarshan artiste in both classical and light music. She was awarded Sangeet Natak Akademi Award by the President of India in the year 2019.

She got her initial musical guidance from her mother M.N. Rathna and later continued learning under R.K. Srikantan.

Sheela and her husband, through Hamsadhwani Creations, organise many music workshops, programmes by youth and seasoned musicians. An annual Hamsadhwani festival is also observed by Hamsadhwani Creations. They also felicitate great achievers of the field through 'Hamsadhwani Puraskara.'

Awards and honours for Sheela includes Sangeetha Kala Acharya from Madras Music Academy, Rajyotsava Award from the Government of Karnataka and Ganakalashree by Ganakala Parishat.

Ramzan rush peaks at Meena Bazaar

Food, festivity and shopping frenzy keep nights alive till 2 am

Mysuru, Mar. 18 (KS)- With four days left for Ramzan, Meena Bazaar has come alive with a surge of shoppers thronging the bustling stretch for festive purchases and food.

Outlets selling clothes, footwears, bangles, mehndi, attar (natural perfumes), crockery, dry fruits, dates, sweets and a variety of juices are witnessing heavy footfall. Special Ramzan delicacies such as Hyderabadi haleem, vegetarian and non-vegetarian samosas are also drawing crowds.

The bazaar, dotted with hundreds of temporary stalls and roadside vendors, offers everything from perfumes and caps to artificial jewellery, all of which are in high demand during the season. Meena Bazaar remains open from 10 am to 2 am till Mar. 19. On March 20, traders say, the market will stay open through the night.

Vehicle-free stretch

To accommodate the rush, the Sawday Road stretch from Ashoka Road to Savoy Chowk has been closed to vehicular traffic. Hundreds of temporary stalls have come up along the route, turning the area into a pedestrian-only shopping zone.

A feast for food lovers

The bazaar surroundings have also turned into a food hub, with streets lined with vendors offering a wide spread of delicacies.

From Hyderabadi haleem and kebabs to vegetarian and non-vegetarian samosas, Kashmiri faluda, dry fruit sherbet, lassi, mutton curries and biryani, there is something for everyone.

S.M. Khwaja Samosa Centre on Sawday Road, near Savoy Chowk, is a popular stop for hot mutton kheema, chicken, egg and vegetarian samosas.

Just opposite to Kantharaj Urs Park, behind Meena Bazar is S.F. Samosa Centre which is also serving piping hot samosas.

Muslim brethren, who break their fast at nearby mosques and the public, throng these shops not only to eat, but also to take the freshly made samosas home.

A walk further on Sawday Road leads to a kiosk by Taj Biriyani Paradise which is offering Arabian Samosas, Kheema Roti (Rs. 150 each), sweet delicacies such as Jamoon (Rs. 30 each), Dumroot (Rs. 300 a box), Coconut Pudding (Rs. 60 a box) and other items.

Further ahead, stalls near Savoy Chowk offer haleem, kebabs and quick bites.

LPG cylinder shortage hits business

Sajid Hussain, Proprietor of Taj Biriyani Paradise said that though the business is picking up, they are unable to meet the demands due to shortage in supply of commercial LPG cylinders.

"I have bought two stoves from Erode in Tamil Nadu. These stoves are fuelled by firewood and air is blown through an outlet by a small fan which is installed in the air vent. A regulator is provided to the fan to control the fire and heat," he said.

Exotic gifts and premium products

Shoppers looking for gifts are heading to Dubai Centre, where agarwood, often referred to as 'liquid gold', is a key attraction, priced at Rs. 45,000 per kg.

Business hit by Middle East conflict

Ansari of Dubai Centre said the ongoing conflict in the Middle East has disrupted imports and exports. "As a result, regular items such as silver and Turkish rings, dry fruits and attars sourced from Dubai are not available this year, leading to a dip in business," he said.

Merchants Association thanks authorities

Meanwhile, Meena Bazaar Merchants Association and Social Welfare Committee Secretary Afroz Pasha has thanked MLAs Tanveer Sait and K. Harishgowda, officials from various Government Departments, including the Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), for their support in organising the Ugadi and Ramzan mela. The Mela concludes on Mar. 20, he added.

Sherbet and faluda...

Mughliya Cool Drinks at the junction of Savoy Chowk is drawing large crowds for its sherbets and faluda. Established in the year 1983 by late Syed Jaffer, the shop is now looked after by his son Fairoz Pasha. Khova Special Badam Lassi (Rs. 30 a glass), Nannari Badam Sherbet (Rs. 30), Khova Special Badam Sherbet (Rs. 40) and Dry Fruit Special Sherbet (Rs. 60 a glass).

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3) The bids will be opened: **Date: 30.03.2026, 11-00 AM.**

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WORD OF THE DAY

Vaunted

Pronunciation: VAWN-tud (adjective).
Meaning: Vaunted describes someone or something that is often spoken of or described as very good or great.
Origin: The verb vaunt has been used since the 15th century with the meaning "to make a vain display of one's own worth or attainments"—in other words, "to brag or boast." Over time, vaunt developed the meaning "to boast of (a particular thing)," as in "the promotional flier vaunts the natural beauty of the area," and that use gave rise to the adjectival form vaunted. The history of vaunt and vaunted leads back to the Latin word vānus, with the meanings "lacking content, empty, illusory, marked by foolish or empty pride." The word vain itself is also a descendant of vānus.
Example: "After much initial hype, the much vaunted new production partnership fizzled out after just two seasons, leaving the franchise scrambling for a new direction and without a lead actor in its signature role." — Lacy Baugher, Den of Geek, 22 Jan. 2026.

THE ODD WORD

Vagient

Crying like a baby.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Vicious circle

I'm burned out but...
I are a wellness professional with a lot to share with the world
When the going gets rough I put my head down and work harder
I got tired and less effective but I kept going to "just get through this last thing"
When another setback occurs I keep going— I sleep less, self-medicate, eat quickly —things get messy
I feel worse but I get on a good show
Vicious Cycle

Meaning: A self-perpetuating process which returns to its starting point with no improvement from when it was begun.
Origin: A vicious circle was the name given by 18th century logicians for a fallacious proof in this form: A depends on B; B depends on C; C depends on A. This was alluded to in Edition 3 of The Encyclopedia Britannica, in 1792: "He runs into what is termed by logicians a vicious circle."
A wider use of the expression was taken up by the medical profession and there are several examples from the early 19th century of it being used to describe conditions where one symptom affects another and the health of the patient steadily deteriorates.
The more general meaning of the phrase refers to any process where one event feeds off another but which seems trapped in a loop and eventually returns to its starting point, with no benefit gained. This imagery was employed in the 18th and 19th centuries to denote the circle of life and death. The emblem of a snake eating its own tail was commonly used in the iconography of Georgian and Victorian cemeteries.

QUOTE BOX

Circles, like the soul, are never-ending and turn round and round without a stop.—**Ralph Waldo Emerson**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Anniversaryyy

Answer: Wise after the event.

SUDOKU

5								9
	1		5		8		7	
	4			9			5	
		6	3		1	5		
4								3
		9	2		6	8		
	9			3			2	
	2		7		4		8	
7								5

Answer to previous puzzle

3	7	1	8	2	6	9	5	4
8	4	5	7	1	9	3	6	2
2	6	9	5	4	3	7	8	1
1	8	3	6	7	2	4	9	5
4	2	7	3	9	5	6	1	8
5	9	6	4	8	1	2	3	7
9	5	2	1	3	7	8	4	6
6	3	4	2	5	8	1	7	9
7	1	8	9	6	4	5	2	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

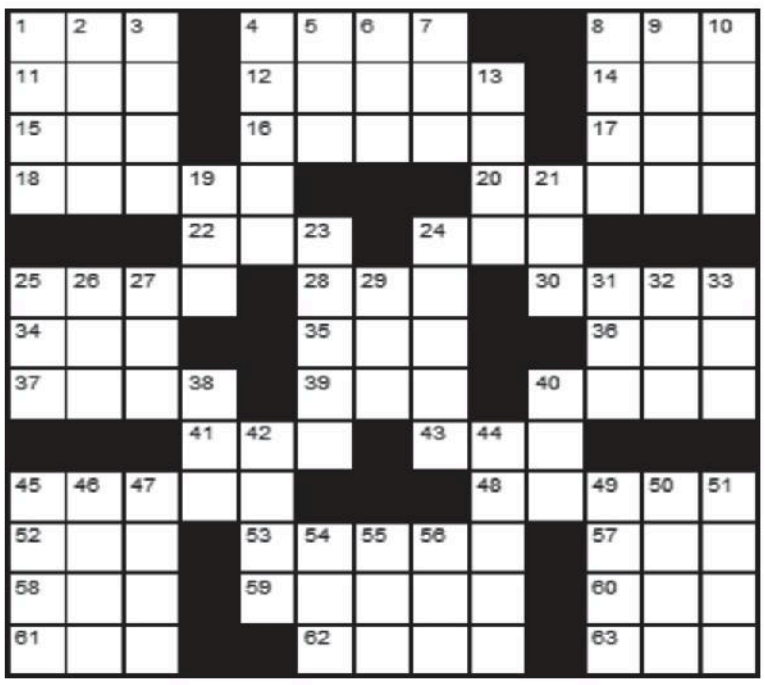
1 Operatic princess
4 Fibber like Ananias
8 Tread the boards
11 Father of crime fiction Edgar Alan ___
12 Our motherland
14 Average or normal amount or value
15 Bollywood's Raja __ Rank
16 Seat without a back
17 The French for 'island'
18 Slobber
20 Mr.Boycott of cricket
22 Spider house
24 Physical training facility
25 Mown grass
28 Barley beard
30 Mountain goat
34 Girl's name
35 Pastoral sound
36 Advocate, in short
37 Baltic city
39 Answer, abbr.
40 Able was I, ___ __ saw Elba? (3,1)
41 Pre-Yeltsin Russ.
43 Kept out of sight
45 Reduce speed
48 V-shaped cut
52 The organ of hearing
53 Liquid measure
57 French assent
58 Generation
59 Levelled area
60 Noah's ship
61 Short for 'manuscripts'
62 Tie securely
63 Miller of the ____ : he envied nobody, no not he....?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

C	P	A	■	A	V	E	C	■	W	A	R	P
U	R	N	■	P	O	L	O	■	A	L	P	A
S	O	U	■	O	W	E	S	■	S	I	G	N
P	A	P	A	L	■	■	H	R	H	■	■	■
■	■	■	A	L	E	G	■	A	E	R	O	■
A	X	O	L	O	T	L	■	T	S	A	R	S
L	E	R	■	■	S	I	R	■	■	T	S	O
E	N	N	U	I	■	■	D	U	N	G	E	O	N
■	■	O	O	P	S	■	E	T	U	I	■	■	■
■	■	■	S	H	H	■	■	A	S	K	E	W
U	R	G	E	■	A	L	A	N	■	A	P	I
P	E	A	T	■	Z	I	N	C	■	I	E	R
S	A	G	S	■	Y	I	P	E	■	F	E	Y

DOWN

1 Apple's tablet
2 Unsmiling; sullen
3 "Air" as prefix
4 Hose material
5 Commonly used suffix - "Tin" anagram?
6 Song and dance
7 SA river ___ Grande
8 Peruvian carrot
9 Young cow
10 Not kosher
13 Algernon's pet name?
19 Have possession of
21 Loan instalment
23 Akbar's grandfather
24 Grind
25 Gaelic sea god
26 Black bird
27 Tongues ___ : there is talk?
29 Pallid
31 The ___ : lawyer's profession?
32 Dutch commune
33 Sixteen for Caesar
38 Inquire of
40 Old name for Tokyo
42 One's own person
44 Non reactive
45 Ray of light
46 Teases to tatters?
47 War god
49 Frog-like creature
50 Heal
51 Trek
54 Kind
55 Heavy weight
56 Marsupial (colloq.)



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

F KCXDADZQ FAADAIUQ BFR YCA XCWZQ FWW

RCIL KLCHWQBX, HIA DA NDWW FYYCR QYCIES

KQCKWQ AC BFMQ DA NCLAS ASQ QPPCLA.

TODAY'S CLUE: K EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The highest use of capital is not to make more money, but to make money do more for the betterment of life.

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- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Vadam (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  The Rise of Ashoka (K) - 4 Shows
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  Sampathige Savaal (K) - 4 Shows
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- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
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  Kanchana 2 (Te) - 4 Shows
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  O' Romeo 3 (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

Dhurandhar The Revenge (H)	(S-1)	5.00 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	5.00 pm, 9.45 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	(S-2)	10.40 am, 1.20 pm
Hayagrriva (K)	(S-2)	4.00 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	(S-2)	7.00 pm, 10.00 pm
	(S-3)	7.00 pm, 10.00 pm
The Kerala Story 2 Goes Beyond (H)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 1.20 pm, 4.10 pm
Aakash (K)	(S-4)	110.50 am, 1.45 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Akash (K)	:	1.00 pm, 4.00 pm
Dhurandhar The Revenge (H)	:	5.00 pm, 7.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Dhurandhar The Revenge (K)	:	5.15 pm, 9.35 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	:	7.30 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Akash (K)	:	11.05 am, 2.20 pm
The Kerala Story 2 Goes Beyond (H)	:	11.15 am, 2.00 pm
Thaai Kizhavi (Ta)	:	11.30 am
Hoppers (E)	:	1.05 pm, 3.25 pm
Rakkasapuradol (K)	:	2.30 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	2.50 pm
Dhurandhar The Revenge (H)		4.45 pm, 5.00 pm, 5.35 pm, 5.45 pm, 9.35 pm, 9.45 pm, 10.00 pm, 10.20 pm,10.30 pm
Dhurandhar (K)	:	5.10 pm, 9.55 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	:	7.00 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

The Kerala Story 2 Goes Beyond (H)	:	11.00 am, 3.15 pm
Thaai Kizhavi (Ta)	:	11.15 am, 2.15 pm
Akash (K)	:	11.45 am, 1.45 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	1.20 pm
Dhurandhar The Revenge (H)	:	5.00 pm, 5.30 pm, 5.45 pm 9.45 pm, 10.00 pm, 10.15 pm, 10.30 pm

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Kanchana 2 (Te)	:	10.40 am
Dhurandhar (H)	:	11.15 am
The Kerala Story 2 Goes Beyond (H)	:	11.20 am, 2.15 pm
Akash (K)	:	12.55 pm, 4.10 pm
Thaai Kizhavi (Ta)	:	2.15 pm
Hoppers (E)	:	3.25 pm
Dhurandhar The Revenge (H)	:	11.15 am, 5.00 pm, 5.45 pm, 9.45 pm, 10.10 pm, 10.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Dhurandhar (K)	:	5.15 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	:	7.25 pm

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 18)

- **Andal Mandiram:** Guided introduction to the timeless wisdom of Srimad Bhagavad Gita by Sri Eswaran, Founder-Acharya, Vedanta Institute Bangalore, Andal Mandiram, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm to 7 pm.** [Mob: 90358-96665]
- **Desiranga Samskruthika Trust, Mysuru:** Valedictory of Desiranga Theatre Festival, Senior Advocate Baburaj Palladan delivers valedictory address, thinker N. Divakar, Madhurani and Krishna Janamana chief guests; Staging of play 'Mera Bharat Mahan,' directed by Krishna Janamana, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

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Mar. 18: 'Kala Saptami,' weekly cultural programme, Karnatak and Hindustani Jugalbandi by **Vid. Manasa Nayana & Vid. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath,** accompanied by **Vidu. C.V. Shruthi** on violin, **Vid. A. Radhesh** on mridanga, **Vid. Ramesh Dhannur** on tabla and **Vid. Hari Krishna Purohit** on harmonium, Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC), Vijayanagar, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 19)

- **Mysore Palace Board:** Ugadi celebrations, three-day Ugadi Sangeethotsava, Saxophone recital by Vid. M.T. Ravikumar and Troupe, **4.30 pm;** Panchanga Shravana by Dr. Sridhara Murthy, **5.35 pm;** Karnatak classical vocal recital by Vid. S. Raghunandan and Troupe, **6.15 pm;** State Anthem and Mysore Kingdom Anthem 'Kayo Srigowri Karunalahari' by R. Chandana and Troupe, **7.15 pm;** District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates the cultural programmes, MPs Yaduveer Wadiyar and Sunil Bose chief guests, Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa presides, Mysuru DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya and others will be present, **7.25 pm;** 'Geeta Utsava' by singers Rashmi Chikkamagaluru, Ajay Warriar and Troupe, Palace premises, **7.45 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Andal Mandiram:** Guided introduction to the timeless wisdom of Srimad Bhagavad Gita by Sri Eswaran, Founder-Acharya, Vedanta Institute Bangalore, Andal Mandiram, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm to 7 pm.** [Mob: 90358-96665]
- **Jagannatha Centre for Art & Culture (JCAC):** Vedanta Talk on the topic 'Path to Truth' by Sunandaji, the daughter and disciple of the internationally eminent philosopher Swami A. Parthasarathy, Vedika Hall, JCAC, Vijayanagar, **6 pm.**
- **Telugu Samskruthika Samithi, Mysuru:** New Year Ugadi celebrations, Panchanga Shravanam for the new year 'Parabhava nama samvathsara,' cultural programmes by members, conferring of title 'Telugu Koyala' on Dr. Naraala Rama Reddy, the rewardee of Hamsa title from AP, renowned Avadhani and a great poet and cine lyricist; Distribution of scholarships and certificates to the meritorious students of class 10 and class 12; Samithi President P. Krishna Reddy presides, Samithi premises, CA 03, 2nd Cross, I-Block Ramakrishnanagar, **6 pm onwards.**
- **Sri Mahalakshmi Temple:** Ugadi celebrations, presentation of 'Ramabhyudayam,' a musical dance theatrical based on Navarasa Ramayana by Internationally acclaimed Celebrity Bharatanatyam artistes Badari Divya Bhushan and Dr. Anjana Bhushan, the Artistic Directors of Bhushans' Academy of Performing Arts and Visual Presentation, Mysuru and Bengaluru, along with their sons Abhyuday Dhyan Bhushan and Abhignan Vedant Bhushan, Sri Mahalakshmi Temple, 3rd Stage, Dattagalli, Mysuru, **6.30 pm.**

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Akash (K)	:	10.30 am, 1.45 pm
The Kerala Story 2 Goes Beyond (H)	:	12.05 pm, 2.55 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	12.40 pm
Maggi Pusthaka (K)	:	2.10 pm
Hoppers (E)	:	4.50 pm
Dhurandhar The Revenge (H)	:	5.00 pm, 5.45 pm, 9.45 pm 10.00 pm, 10.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Love Mocktail - 3 (K)	:	7.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS ON FRIDAY

- **The Art of Living Foundation:** Somnath Jyotirlinga Maharudra Puja, Art of Living Ashram, Mysuru, **5 pm.**
- **Mysore Palace Board:** Ugadi Sangeethotsava, Classical music concert by Vidu. Vipanchi Raghuram, Vidu. Mahathi Raghuram and Troupe, **5 pm;** Bharatanatyam by Vidu. Sunitha Nandakumar, **5.40 pm;** Karnatak music concert by Vidu. Sridevi Bhandarkar, S. Aditya and Troupe, **6.20 pm;** Janapada Ugadi Utsava by Sangeetha and Troupe, **7.20 pm;** 'Bhava Ugadi' musical programme by Music Director Nagesh Kandegala, singers Anuradha Bhat, Sriharsha and Supriya Raghunandan, Palace premises, **8.30 pm to 10 pm.**
- **Andal Mandiram:** Guided introduction to the timeless wisdom of Srimad Bhagavad Gita by Sri Eswaran, Founder-Acharya, Vedanta Institute Bangalore, Andal Mandiram, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm to 7 pm.** [Mob: 90358-96665]
- **Sri Ganapathi Seva Mandali Trust, Ramakrishnanagar:** 7th Ramothsava, Ugadi celebrations, Devaranama by Sharadadevi Mahila Samaja, **6.30 pm;** Panchanga Shravana by State Award Winner Veda Brahma Dr. Shridhara Sharma, Rajata Sabha Mantapa, Ganapathi Temple, I-Block, Ramakrishnanagar, **7 pm to 8 pm.**

Festival offer on footwears

Mysuru, Mar. 18- As part of Ugadi and Ramzan festivals, 'Shoe World' at Prestige Shopping Arcade near Ramaswamy Circle, Mysuru, is providing 'Buy 2 Get 1 Free' offer on high quality sandals, shoes and all other footwear of its In-house Brand for both men and women till Apr. 6. Both Indian and foreign brand shoes are on sale.

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